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THE ENZYMATIC PRODUCTION OF L-THREONINE USING CORYNEFORM
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

This is in response to an official [final] action, dated August 24, 2004, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, and the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.